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DIAL FOR INFORMATION

Mountain Home Ranger Station
2180 American Legion
Mountain Home, ID 83647
Telephone: 587-7961

Lowman Ranger Station
Lowman, ID 83637
Telephone: 342-2744 or 259-3361

Boise Ranger Station
5493 Warm Springs Ave.
Boise, ID 83712
Telephone: 334-1572

Emmett Ranger Station
1648 North Washington
Emmett, ID 83617
Telephone: 365-4382

Idaho City Ranger Station
Idaho City, ID 83631
Telephone: 343-0231

Cascade Ranger Station
Cascade, ID 83611
Telephone: 382-4271

Forest Supervisor's Office
1750 Front Street
Boise, ID 83702
Telephone: 334-1516

NORTH HALF LEGEND

- Land not covered by this plan
- National Forest land open to general charge permit holders
- Free-use areas
- Closed areas

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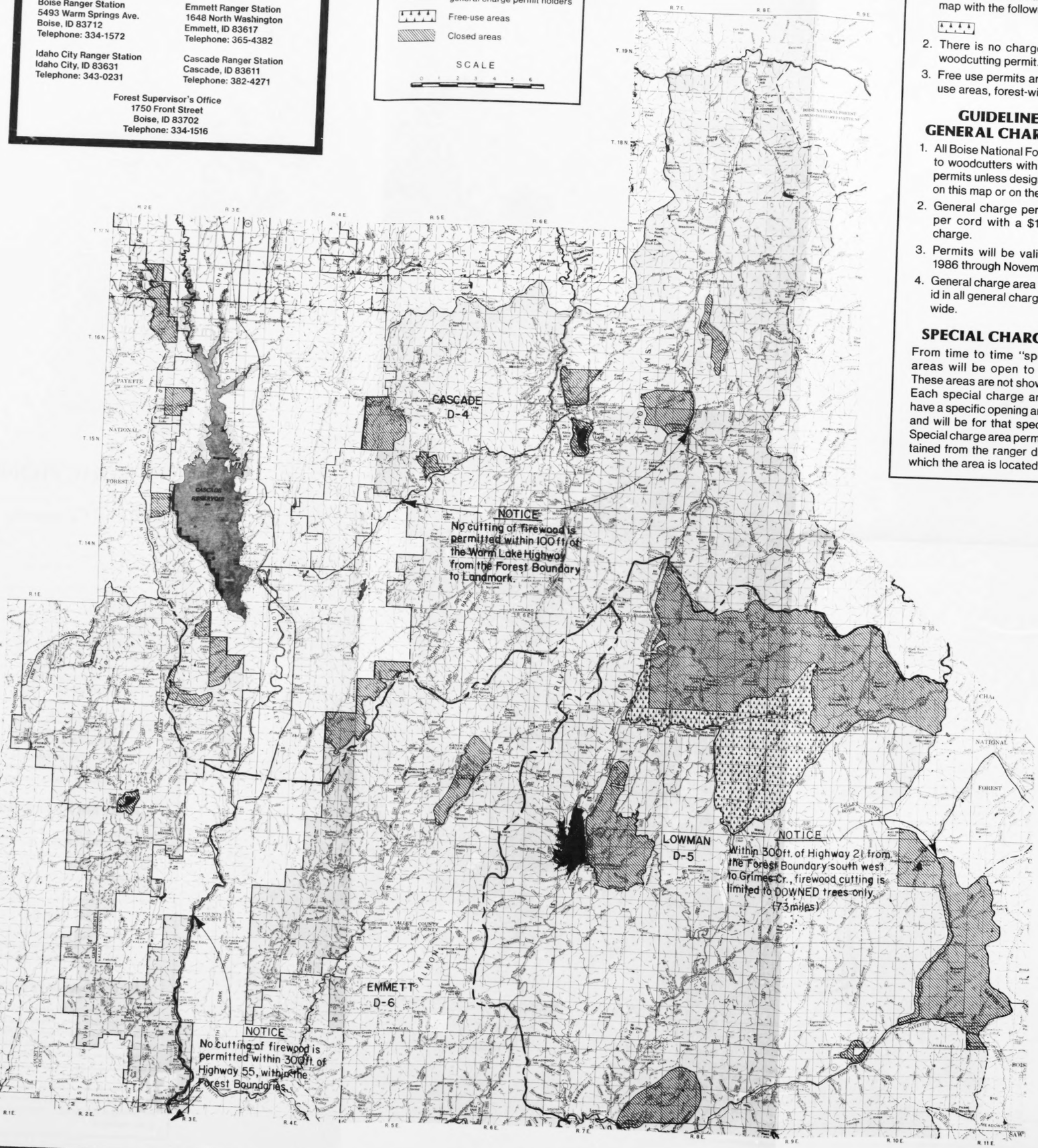

GUIDELINES FOR FREE USE AREAS

1. All free use areas are marked on the map with the following designation:
2. There is no charge for a free use woodcutting permit.
3. Free use permits are valid in all free use areas, forest-wide.

GUIDELINES FOR GENERAL CHARGE AREAS

1. All Boise National Forest land is open to woodcutters with general charge permits unless designated otherwise on this map or on the ground.
2. General charge permits are $2.50 per cord with a $10.00 minimum charge.
3. Permits will be valid from May 1, 1986 through November 30, 1986.
4. General charge area permits are valid in all general charge areas, forest-wide.

SPECIAL CHARGE AREAS

From time to time "special charge" areas will be open to woodcutters. These areas are not shown on this map. Each special charge area permit will have a specific opening and closing date and will be for that specific area only. Special charge area permits must be obtained from the ranger district office in which the area is located.

1986 WOODCUTTING MAP

USDA – Forest Service
Boise National Forest

Use this map to locate firewood areas of interest to you under the conditions of your permit. Check with the ranger districts for current woodcutting information.

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GUIDELINES FOR FIREWOOD CUTTING

- ✓ Make sure you're in a Boise National Forest cutting area. If you're not sure, please stop in at the nearest Ranger Station.
- ✓ Slash (limbs and bark) must be removed from streams, roadways, road cut-banks and drainage ditches to prevent clogging culverts and polluting streams.
- ✓ To prevent soil erosion, stay on the roads and don't use heavy equipment.
- ✓ Campgrounds and administrative sites are off limits to firewood cutting.
- ✓ Cutting and/or removal of firewood from active timber sales is prohibited.
- ✓ Carry a size "O" shovel or larger, a fire extinguisher of at least 8-ounce minimum capacity, and have an approved spark arrester on your power saw.
- ✓ Cutting or removal of any trees with green needles or with paint on them is prohibited unless specifically authorized on the permit.

For Safety's Sake . . .

- ✓ Once you start to fall a tree, make sure you finish the job.
- ✓ Whenever possible, gather the wood already on the ground. This not only helps reduce potential fire hazards, but it's safer than falling a tree.
- ✓ When falling a tree near a road, have someone watching for other travelers.
- ✓ For your own safety, avoid cutting trees near power lines, telephone lines, and fences.

AM I LEGAL

The following measures will help you obtain firewood as prescribed by your permit:

1. You are responsible to be sure that you are on National Forest land. If you are uncertain, stop at the nearest ranger station and ask for assistance.
2. You may cut only that product for which your permit was issued.
3. You are required to have a size "O" shovel and a fire extinguisher (8 oz. minimum) at the cutting site, and a properly installed and approved spark arrester on your saw.
4. If you are uncertain whether your power saw has an approved spark arrester, we recommend you take it to a factory authorized dealer listed in the yellow pages of the phone book. If your saw is not properly equipped, the dealer can supply/install an approved arrester screen immediately.

AM I FIRE SAFE?

Care must be taken during the fire season to avoid the possibility of starting a wildfire. The following are precautions to observe when cutting wood:

1. Allow your saw to cool at least five minutes before refueling.
2. Use your shovel to clear an area (4'x4') of all slash and duff. Use this cleared area to refuel your saw.
3. If at all possible, confine your smoking to your vehicle. Extinguish all smokes in your ashtray. Should this not be practical, clear an area down to mineral soil and extinguish all smokes in the dirt.

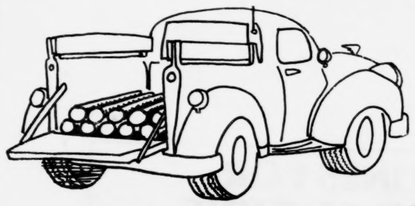
   REMEMBER — Never extinguish smokes by crushing them out in rotten logs, stumps, or duff as these materials are the easiest to kindle.
4. Be sure that your saw has a properly installed and approved spark arrester.

STANDING TREES

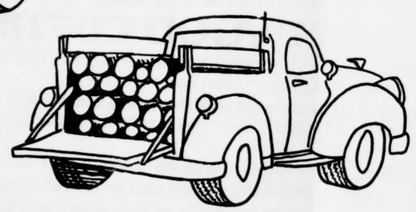
Standing, dead trees (snags) play a role in supporting wildlife populations in the forest. They are a source of food, nests, perches, and protective cover for many birds and mammals. Removal of snags for firewood purposes must, therefore, be carefully managed.

Your cooperation in not cutting or removing trees bearing this sign is appreciated.

Measuring and Removing Firewood from the Forest



⅓ CORD (878 LBS.)
(¼ CORD FOR SHORT NARROW BEDS)



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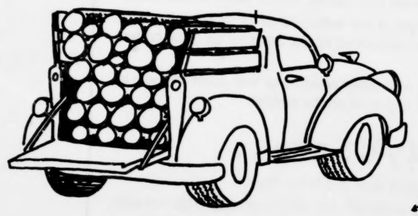
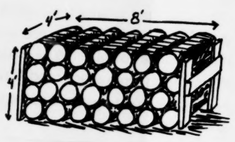


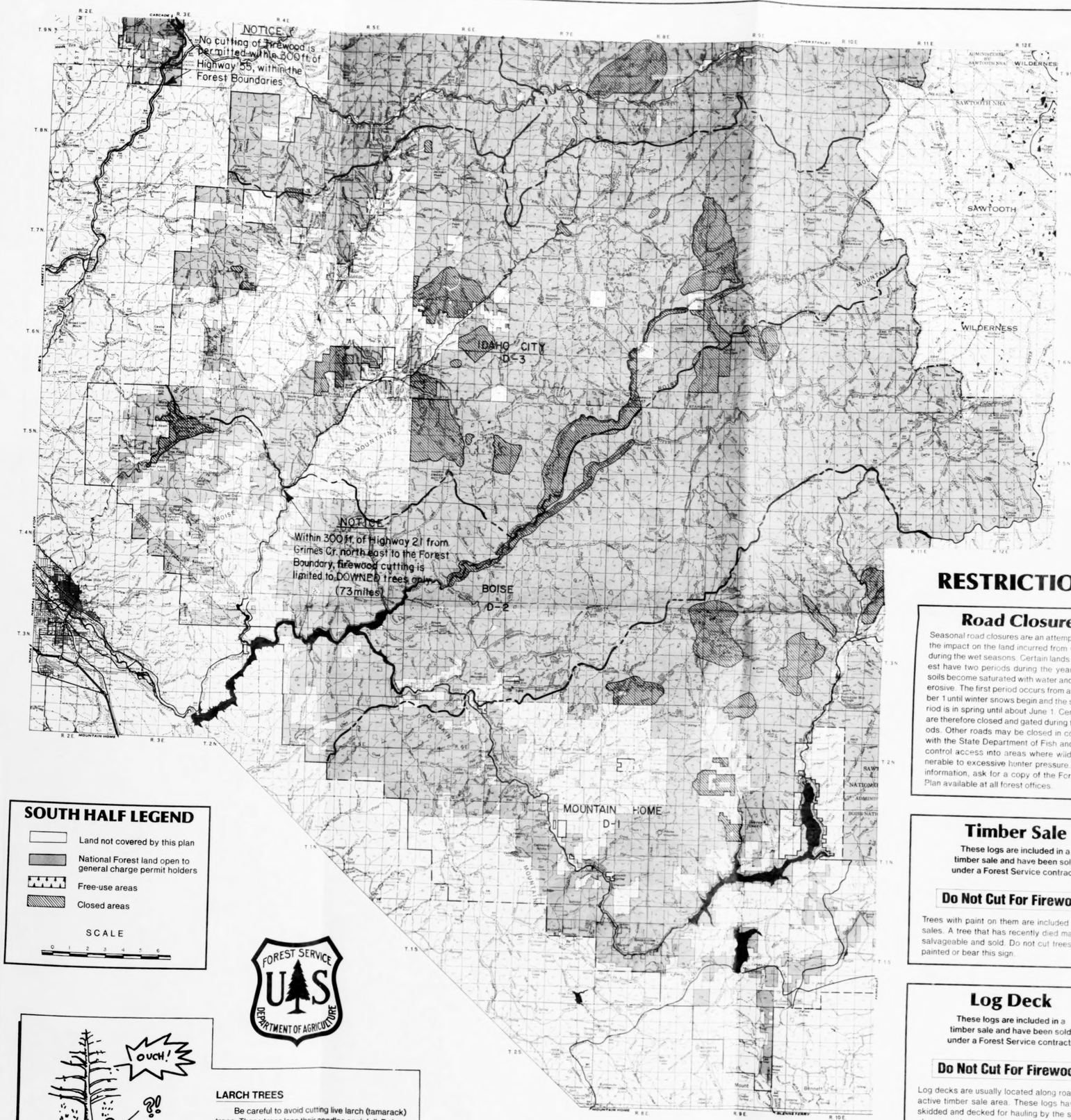
1 CORD (APPROX. 2662 LBS.)
(¾ CORD FOR SHORT BED)



1 CORD
(4' x 4' x 8' = 128 CUBIC FEET)

Firewood is commonly measured in cords. A standard cord is the amount of tightly piled wood in a stack 4 feet wide by 4 feet high by 8 feet long. Under the free use wood permit regulations you may not transport material in lengths greater than 4 feet, unless it is cut halfway through at 4' intervals.

The average half-ton pickup truck can carry a half cord of dry wood without overloading the vehicle.


NOTICE
No cutting of firewood is permitted within 300 ft of Highway 55, within the Forest Boundaries
NOTICE
Within 300 ft. of Highway 21 from Grimes Cr. north east to the Forest Boundary, firewood cutting is limited to DOWNED trees only (73 miles)
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BOISE
D-2
MOUNTAIN HOME
D-1
SAWTOOTH
WILDERNESS
SAWTOOTH NRA
MOUNTAINS

SOUTH HALF LEGEND

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LARCH TREES

Be careful to avoid cutting live larch (tamarack) trees. These trees lose their needles each fall. Before cutting what appears to be a dead larch look on the ground to see if needles have recently fallen or check just inside the bark to see if the tree is still alive. If the bark is tight, the tree is probably alive.

RESTRICTIONS

Road Closures

Seasonal road closures are an attempt to reduce the impact on the land incurred from vehicle use during the wet seasons. Certain lands on the Forest have two periods during the year when the soils become saturated with water and are highly erosive. The first period occurs from about October 1 until winter snows begin and the second period is in spring until about June 1. Certain roads are therefore closed and gated during these periods. Other roads may be closed in cooperation with the State Department of Fish and Game to control access into areas where wildlife is vulnerable to excessive hunter pressure. For more information, ask for a copy of the Forest Travel Plan available at all forest offices.

Timber Sale

These logs are included in a timber sale and have been sold under a Forest Service contract.

Do Not Cut For Firewood

Trees with paint on them are included in timber sales. A tree that has recently died may still be salvageable and sold. Do not cut trees that are painted or bear this sign.

Log Deck

These logs are included in a timber sale and have been sold under a Forest Service contract.

Do Not Cut For Firewood

Log decks are usually located along roads in an active timber sale area. These logs have been skidded and decked for hauling by the sale purchaser, and are not available for public use. Do not cut these log decks for firewood.

Consult your permit for restrictions applying to the cutting or gathering of firewood adjacent to State highways.